

**MINUTES OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND DELTA AREA COMMITTEE
September 17, 1998**

Welcome and Admin. Remarks

LCDR Pete Gautier, USCG opened the meeting. Ms. Barbara Foster, California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, introduced herself as the new co-chair of the Committee. The Committee thanked LT Larry Kirsch for his efforts as past co-chair of the committee.

Mr. Tim Holmes of USCG D11/PACAREA presented a proposal to the Committee regarding the publishing of an interim correction to the existing ACP to update phone numbers and correct basic errors in the publication. The Committee considered the proposal together with the difficulty in conducting a thorough review of the ACP and the value of having an update prior to the next revision to be published by January, 2000. The Committee responded with moderate support to attempt a correction if adequate resources can be brought to bear, otherwise changes can be fully incorporated into the year 2000 revision of the ACP.

Pete Gautier outlined the due dates in the publication process for the year 2000 revision of the ACP:

July 1, 1999 – all revisions are due to the USCG, including subcommittee draft revisions which have been cleared by the Committee.

September 1, 1999 – draft revision is complete.

October 15, 1999 – USCG COTP reviews draft revision.

November 15, 1999 – approved revision is sent to printers.

December 1, 1999 – revision is distributed and made available.

Subcommittee Briefings:

1. **SS/GRP (Sensitive Site/Geographic Response Plan).** Carl Jochums reported that the Subcommittee has been working on a Microsoft Access database to capture the information contained in the GRP site strategies. There has not been any Subcommittee meetings recently, but there will be one scheduled this Fall which will address writing up strategies for sites that currently have none.
2. **Drills and Exercises/Lessons Learned.** Terry Joslin presented the report on spill Readiness Exercise Program Effectiveness which is based on a survey of the oil handling industry, facility and vessel operators, and spill response contractors on the West Coast. The report indicated that small scale drills are favored, and that perhaps where exercise players have a good big picture idea of what needs to happen during an exercise, they need more practice on the smaller scale procedures and processes of spill response. Upcoming exercises include the multi-jurisdictional Spill of National Significance (SONS) exercise in Valdez and Anchorage, AK scheduled September 22-23.
3. **Local Resources.** Steve Ricks, Clean Bay, reported that the Subcommittee hasn't met since the last Committee meeting. The Subcommittee needs to produce a letter for the Coast Guard's signature to send to OSROs to get updated equipment lists for inclusion in the next revision of the ACP.
4. **Wildlife Operations.** John Tarpley reported that the Subcommittee met to further develop a revised wildlife operations section for the next revision of the ACP. The goal is to have a package together by late November for presentation to the January Area Committee meeting. The next Subcommittee meeting will be held 15 October at OSPR's Fairfield offices.

In-Situ Burn Draft Policy

Ms. Yvonne Adassi, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, presented the draft California Policy for the use of In-Situ Burning in Waters off the State. This draft has been approved by the EPA and OSPR, and is now being presented in a series of public workshops around the State. This is the product of three years of work and would be used together with the EPA's guidance for in-situ burning between 35-200 Nm from shore. The goal is to have the policy finalized by January 1999. When the State's policy is finalized, both it and EPA's policy need to be incorporated into the ACP for reference by IC's when in-situ burning is being considered.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM, Tuesday, November 10 in Gresham Hall on Coast Guard Island.